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Many of the followers of the programs have formed Lutheran Hour groups which meet for Bible study and family worship.

HEALTH NURSE TO SOUTH INDIA

At its 13th general meeting held recently at Amagi-sanso in Izu, the Christian Medical Association of Japan decided to send a health nurse to South India. Sachiko Yamamura (23) has been selected and will leave before the end of the year.

As an expression of their Christian faith, members of the association have previously sent Dr. Umeyama to Indonesia, two nurses to Nepal, and have made preparations to send a doctor also to Nepal in October.

A request for a doctor has come from the Congo and another from Indonesia where a Dutch doctor serving with Dr. Umeyama is soon leaving. To meet these requests and to continue aiding those already sent, a yearly budget of ten million yen is planned to continue this vital program of sending medical workers to Southeast Asia.

L-TYPE SUMMER EVANGELISM TEAM LEAVES

Almost 200 church friends, interpreters, pastors and evangelism committee members were at Haneda International airport on August 30 to see off the 21 members of the L-Type Summer Evangelism team returning to their homes in Canada and the U.S.A. after two months of preaching, visitation and counselling at 14 centers in and about Tokyo.

More than twenty thousand attended the various services held at the centers and about 2,200 attended evangelistic meetings held at other locations. Forty-two received baptism and another seventy-eight confessed faith in Christ but have not received baptism as yet. There were 403 seekers who wished to know Christ. A total of 1,028 homes were also visited. Many lasting friendships were made and understanding of Japan and the church in Japan was deepened.

STANLEY JONES ARRIVING ON THE 14th

Dr. E. Stanley Jones is arriving on the 14th of this month and J. H. Fisher, architect, of Dallas, Texas, who is to work with Dr. Jones, is arriving on the 15th to continue a mission program initiated at the end of the Second World War. Every second year since the end of the war, Dr. Jones has come in the spring of the year to hold a series of Evangelistic meetings.

A welcome for both of them and orientation are planned for the 15th by the NCC. On the morning of the 16th there will be a meeting with those related to the Inori no Tomo (Prayer Friends), and an evangelistic meeting is to be held at Ginza church in the evening. Plans call for them to leave for Osaka on the 17th after morning services.

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MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY SCALE WORKED OUT FOR PASTORS

The executive committee of the UCC has approved a plan of the finance committee for minimum monthly salaries for pastors. In a situation of rising prices in a growing economy which is aiming at doubling the national income during the next ten years, the static low salaries of pastors has become a problem which no longer can be avoided.

According to UCC statistics of last year, the average salary per church for the 1,572 churches of the UCC was a bit over 11,000 yen. This was the average salary per church, which means that the actual average salary of each pastor is somewhat lower as there were assistant pastors in many churches. Two-thirds of the pastors receive a salary of less than 10,000 yen a month, some going as low as 3,000 yen.

The suggested minimum standard is not mandatory but will only be a guide as each church works out its own salaries according to its particular financial situation.

A minimum of 10,000 yen is proposed for assistant pastors working outside the large cities and an additional 2,000 for those within the environs of large cities, with living quarters provided. It is also suggested that at the age of 25 the pastor's salary be increased 200 yen each year thereafter. Also, during the first fifteen years of service the monthly salary will be raised 500 yen each year, with an additional increase of 300 yen each year from the sixteenth year on, until the pastor reaches the age of 50. This means that if a pastor begins work at a church at the age of 25, he will receive a 700 yen increase in his monthly salary each year until he is 41 when this will be increased to 1,000 yen.

Allowances include 2,500 for wife and 1,800 for each child under 25 years of age. There are also allowances for father, mother, grandchildren and other dependents living in, and for children above primary school.

If the church is administering a kindergarten, it is recommended that the pastor's basic minimum salary be 20% of the kindergarten income.

PILOT CENTERS ESTABLISHED

To combat the gradual decrease in the number of Sunday School students the education committee of the UCC has selected two churches, the Tachibana church in Osaka and the Takaido church in Tokyo, to serve as sites for "Pilot Centers". A secretary and a professional religion educationalist will be assigned to each, and attempt to develop and stimulate Christian education programs.

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A minimum of \$10,000 per year is proposed for assistant pastors working outside the home cities and an additional \$2,000 for those working in the home cities with living expenses provided. It is also suggested that at the age of 45 the pastor's salary be increased \$500 per year. Also, during the first five years of service the monthly salary will be raised \$50 per month, with an additional increase of \$50 per year from the sixth year on, until the pastor reaches the age of 50. This means that if a pastor begins work at a church at the age of 45, he will receive a \$500 per year increase in his monthly salary each year until he is 50 when this will be increased to \$1,000 per year.

Allowances include \$2,500 for wife and \$1,500 for each child under 18 years of age. There are also allowances for house, car, and other dependents living in, and for children away from home.

If the church is administering a kindergarten, it is recommended that the pastor's basic minimum salary be 10% of the kindergarten income.

THE CHURCH ESTABLISHMENT

To combat the gradual decrease in the number of Sunday School teachers the education committee of the UCC has selected two churches in the United States and the United Kingdom in Tokyo, to serve as sites for "Pilot Centers". A ministry and a professional education educational will be assigned to each, and asked to develop and stimulate Christian education programs.

The Christian Education Study Institute of Asian Churches will be cooperating with the Tokyo "Center" and the Religious Education

Department of Kobe Seiwa Junior College will be cooperating with the Osaka "Center".

The results of the activities of these two projects will be published periodically in the Kyoshi no Tomo (Teacher's Friend) and in the Kirisuto-Kyo Shimpō (Christian Weekly) so that all Sunday Schools may benefit from the experiences and studies made at these "Centers".

A similar plan has proved very successful in Korea.

